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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF CLOTH FOR NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

REF: STATE 36669

1. UNABLE PURCHASE IN BAMAKO WHITE MOPTI BLANKETS KNOWN AS "KHASAS" IN UNSEWN STATE. CAN PURCHASE 13 SUCH BLANKETS ALREADY MADE INTO MEN'S SHIRT COATS.

2. EXPERIMENTED WITH ONE COAT. SIDES EASILY OPENED IN ORDER LAY MATERIAL FLAT. HAD TO CUT COAT MATERIAL IN HALF AND STITCH TOGETHER IN ORDER TO COVER PORTION CUT FOR NECK OPENING. LOCAL TAILOR CAN HAND SEW PIECES TOGETHER, IF INTERESTED. APPROX. COST \$6.

3. ANOTHER SOLID WHITE WOVEN PEUL BLANKET IS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER IT HAS NO DESIGN. THERE ARE APPROX 50" X 95" IN SIZE UNSEWN BUT NOT AS ATTRACTIVE AS "KHASAS". APPROX COST \$6.

4. OTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO BUY REGULAR MOPTI BLANKETS AS SHOWN IN UNIVERSITY OF CALIF. "AFRICAN ARTS" MAGAZINE SPRING 1973 ISSUE PAGE 43-46. THESE BLANKETS COST APPROX \$10-12 APPROX SIZE 50" X 95".

THESE BLANKETS CANNOT ALL BE IDENTICAL IN DESIGN, BUT IF DESIRED WILL CHOOSE ALL SAME DESIGN AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. PLEASE SHOW NGA APPROPRIATION IN FULL. TREASURY HANDBOOK NOT AVAILABLE.

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